

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wagner *et al.*, Mandeville III *et al.*, Klofta *et al.* and Drake *et al.* all of which disclose the use of ionene polymers for the treatment of a microbial or a helminth infection.

The Examiner has objected to claims 4, 6-8 and 20-24 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of original claim 6 and new claims 33 and 34 have been added which incorporate the limitations of previously presented claim 4 with original claims 1 and 2 respectively.

In light of the above, the instant claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 (b).

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

**Withdrawn Claims**

Claims 9, 11-19 and 30-32, are withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected species. Claims 9, 11-19 and 30-32, as amended, are dependent on Claim 2, and therefore should be examined upon allowance of Claim 2, which serves as a bridging claim. Rejoinder of Claims 9, 11-19 and 30-32 is respectfully requested upon allowance of Claim 2.

Claims 25-29, as amended, are directed to methods of treating oral mucositis in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal an effective amount of a particular ionene polymer. The subject matter of Claims 25-29 is entirely encompassed within Claim 1, which therefore serves as a bridging claim. Examination of Claims 25-29 is respectfully requested upon allowance of Claim 1.

Information Disclosure Statement


An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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